

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein. Applicants have canceled claim 74 without prejudice. Applicants also have amended claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10, 13-15, 19, 21, 27, 29, 33, 34, 36, 38-40, 43-46, 49, 50, 52, 54-66, 68-73, 75, and 77 to remove multiple dependencies and to comply with U.S. patent practice. In addition, Applicants have amended claim 53 to recite a method rather than a conjugate, and have amended claims 77-78 to recite a method for treatment of a disorder that comprises administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of the conjugate recited in the present claims. Support for these amendments can be found in Applicants' specification. *See*, for example, the section of Applicants' specification at page 119, line 1 to page 120, line 4, which discloses that pharmaceutical compositions containing therapeutically effective amounts of the disclosed conjugates can be administered for treatment of disorders characterized by reduced hematopoietic or immune function, or diseases related thereto.

Further, Applicants have amended the specification to include a paragraph claiming the benefit of priority to related applications. In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to add an Abstract. The attached Abstract corresponds to the Abstract that was published in corresponding PCT publication no. WO 2005/014050. Thus, no new matter has been added.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant asks that claims 1-73 and 75-78 be examined in view of the amendment to the claims. The enclosed filing fee takes into account the pending claims following entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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